

target of 15,000 hectares, which is higher than the target fixed for the purpose.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

Joint Ventures for Road Projects

5755. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any private parties have approached the Government for forming Joint Ventures to road projects in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of States where such projects have been indentified;

(d) the amount of total investment estimated for the projects and the share of contribution of each of them; and

(e) whether the Government propose to give any sops for private participation ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) No, such proposal for Joint Venture with Government is under consideration.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) To attract Private Sector, various fiscal concessions have been announced including liberalisation of ECB procedure and automatic approval to foreign equity participation upto 74%.

State Social Welfare Advisory Boards

5756. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum dated December 19, 1996 had been received from All India Federation of Social Welfare Employees Association, P.O. Bandwan, District Purulia, West Bengal regarding various problems, grievances and demands of employees of different cadres working in both Central as well as State Social Welfare Advisory Boards; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No final decision regarding the status of the State boards has been taken. Amalgamation of State Boards with respective Department and other issues cited

in the Memorandum is linked to the status of State Boards.

AIDS

5757. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding rising incidence of HIV and AIDS in the States of Manipur, Aurnachal Pradesh and Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check its spread ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The States of Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have been included in the surveillance activity, for HIV infection. As of March, 1997 the details of HIV positive and AIDS cases are as follows:-

| Sr. No. | Name of State | HIV Positive | AIDS cases |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. | Manipur | 3843 | 232 |
| 2. | Meghalaya | 57 | Nil |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil |

(c) In order to prevent and control spread of HIV/AIDS in India a comprehensive programme is currently under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the Programme consist of creation of awareness among high risk behaviour group and general public about HIV/AIDS, Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, strengthen the surveillance and diagnosis and clinical management of HIV/AIDS cases.

[Translation]

Expansion/Maintenance of National Highways in Gujarat

5758. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of national highways in Gujarat on which widening/expansion and maintenance work has been undertaken since February 1997 till date and the time by which this work is likely to be started on the rest of the national highways passing through Gujarat; and

(b) the details of the estimated cost involved therein and the actual expenditure there incurred thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) During the current (1997-98) financial year, it is proposed to take up certain developmental works (viz. widening/expansion/repairs etc) on National Highway Nos.8 and 8A in the Gujarat State. Further, funds to the tune of Rs. 35.00 crores are proposed to be allocated keeping in view various factors including the availability of funds. It is, however, not possible to indicate the extent of expenditure incurred for new works during the afore-said period at this stage.

[English]

Projects by World Bank

5759. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned funds for works on various projects like, road, shelter, watershed management in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the total sum sanctioned for the purpose and the works to be carried out and the time by which these works are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank assistance for Andhra Pradesh Hazard Management and Emergency Cyclone Recovery Project includes several components such as road, shelter, watershed management in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh. The total project cost is about Rs. 730 crores. The World Bank assistance is US \$ 150 million. The project closing date is 31st January, 2000.

Fake Universities

5760. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certificates are being issued by fake universities in the country in exchange of huge money from the candidates; and

(b) if so, the names of such universities and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) So far 20 institutions, not being Universities, using the word "University" in their title have come to notice. The names

of these institutions appear in the attached statement. While associating the word "University" by an institution, which is not a University and conferment of degrees by such institutions is punishable with the fine under Section 24 of the UGC Act. UGC also refers such cases to Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission for action under the MRTPC Act. UGC, from time to time, issues public notice/warning about the existence of such unauthorised and unlawful "Universities". Similar exercises have also been carried out through the State Government and the Universities for wider notification.

To make the penal provisions more stringent, a Bill to provide for imprisonment and enhanced fine under Section 24 of the UGC Act has also been introduced in the Parliament.

Statement

List of Fake Universities

1. Maithili University/Vishwavidyalaya, Darbhanga, Bihar.
2. Mahila Gram Vidyapith/Vishwavidyalaya, (Women's University), Prayag, Allahabad (U.P.)
3. Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi (U.P.)/ Jagat Puri, Delhi.
4. Commercial University Ltd., Darya Ganj Delhi.
5. Indian Education Council of U.P., Lucknow (U.P.).
6. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag, Allahabad (U.P.).
7. National University of Electro Complex Homeopathy, Kanpur.
8. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open University Achaltal, Aligarh (U.P.).
9. Shrimati Mahadevi Verma Open University, Mughal Sarai, (U.P.).
10. D.D.B. Sanskrit University, Putur, Trichi, Tamil Nadu.
11. Bharatiya Shiksha Parishad (U.P.) Open Vishwavidyalaya, Lucknow (U.P.)
12. Arya University, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir).
13. St. John's University, Kishanattam, Kerala.
14. National University, Nagpur.
15. United Nations University, Delhi.